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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A game payout value modification method, comprising:
 - selecting a game to be played;
 - establishing a set of game outcomes;
 - establishing a pay table for the set of game outcomes;
 - initiating the game;
 - selecting at least one bonus winning outcome from the set of game outcomes;
 - modifying the pay table entry associated with the at least one selected bonus winning outcome;
 - playing the game until an outcome is determined for at least one player; and,
 - paying the at least one player according to the modified pay table,
 - wherein the pay table modification is the winning of an alternative pot.
2. (Original) The game payout modification method of Claim 1, wherein the bonus winning outcome is selected at random from a set of outcomes with each possible outcome having substantially the same odds of being selected.
3. (Original) The game payout modification method of Claim 1, wherein the bonus winning outcome is selected at random from a set of outcomes with different outcomes having different odds of being selected.
4. (Original) The game payout value modification method of Claim 1, wherein the game to be played is a form of Poker.
5. - 8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) The game payout value modification method of Claim [[8]]
1, wherein the alternative pot is won by a player if a game outcome associated with the

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player at the end of the game matches the bonus winning outcome, regardless of whether the player wins the game.

10. (Currently Amended) The game payout value modification method of Claim [[8]] 1, wherein the alternative pot is divided evenly among all players for whom an associated game outcome at the end of the game matches the bonus winning outcome, regardless of whether the player wins the game.

11. - 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The game payout modification method of Claim [[15]] 1, wherein the alternative pot is a progressive pot.

17. - 20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A game payout value modification method, comprising:

selecting Blackjack as a game to be played;

establishing a set of game outcomes;

establishing a pay table for the set of game outcomes;

initiating the game;

selecting at least one bonus winning outcome from the set of game outcomes;

modifying the pay table entry associated with the at least one selected bonus winning outcome;

playing the game until an outcome is determined for at least one player; and,

paying the at least one player according to the modified pay table.

22. (New) A game payout value modification method, comprising:

selecting a game to be played;

establishing a set of game outcomes;

establishing a pay table for the set of game outcomes;

initiating the game;

selecting at least one bonus winning outcome from the set of game outcomes;

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modifying the pay table entry associated with the at least one selected bonus winning outcome;

playing the game until an outcome is determined for at least one player; and,
paying the at least one player according to the modified pay table,

wherein the pay table modification is the re-ordering of the pay table such that the selected bonus hand is the highest ranking hand.

23. (New) A game payout value modification method, comprising:

selecting a game to be played;

establishing a set of game outcomes;

establishing a pay table for the set of game outcomes;

initiating the game;

selecting at least one bonus winning outcome from the set of game outcomes;

modifying pay table entries for game outcomes with rankings above that of the at least one selected bonus winning outcome;

playing the game until an outcome is determined for at least one player; and,

paying the at least one player according to the modified pay table.